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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. **JP Publication No. 11-209244** - An English language abstract of this foreign language document is also submitted and can be found attached to the front of this document.
2. **JP Patent No. 7069834** - An English language abstract of this foreign language document is also submitted and can be found attached to the front of this document.
3. **EP 1040814** - This document is believed to be a foreign counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 6,372,201 B1, which is attached herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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